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SEARCH FOR N.T. ROBBERS

Operation Resumed This Morning

One of the two Emergency Unit squads flown out to Deep Bay last evening to assist in trying to round up a gang of armed robbers, returned to Kowloon this morning.

Police reported that operations had been suspended after dark, but were resumed this morning.

Land and water police are combining in searching the surrounding hillsides where the armed robbers are believed to be hiding.

A Police Inspector said this morning that it was now believed that the gang was much smaller than 100 in numbers, although no precise information on this point was yet available.

Police launches are now to at strategic points assisting the land forces to spot the robbers, who appear to be well armed.

ALL-POLICE SHOW

It is officially stated that no military forces are being employed in the present operation. It is being conducted wholly by police officers.

The battle between the robbers and police started yesterday afternoon when ASP Fraser took a party of ten to Deep Bay in response to a report that an armed robbery was taking place.

He and his men were received with a hail of bullets and it was necessary to radio for reinforcements. A scuffle from Kai Tak flew out two Emergency Unit contingents and other police parties from New Territories stations converged on the area.

The robbers took to the Lnu Fou hills and remained under cover all night.

So far there has been no report of casualties.

U.S. EXPORTS TO RUSSIA FALL

Washington, May 4.—United States exports to Russia in the first two months of 1948 were less than half the monthly average of 1947, the Department of Commerce reported today.

Imports from Russia, mostly furs and chrome and manganese ores, were down almost as much.

The dwindling of trade followed the changed United States policy towards Russia. Tightened export controls required licences to ship industrial goods and all shipments that might add to the Soviet "war potential" have been subject to veto by the American military authorities since March 1.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

No Hidden Menace

THAT the meeting of the five Defence Ministers of the Western Union should unleash a lot of rumours, and that it should be denounced by Moscow and its dependencies as evidence of preparation for war, is one of those things which, unhappily, has to be taken for granted these days. But there is no need for any alarmist deductions and no justification for talk of war-mongering. A meeting of the five Defence Ministers, like the meeting of the five Finance Ministers, is a logical and necessary sequel to the signing of the Treaty of Brussels. The defence discussions follow naturally on the first meeting of the "permanent organ" of the new Union. Under Article III of the Treaty, the five States (Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg) agree to give "all the military and other aid and assistance in their power" to any one of them which may be "the object of an armed attack in Europe." Such pledges of mutual assistance imply and invoke obligations of co-operation. Were the cause for such action to arise, methods of co-operation could not be hastily improvised.—To attempt to do so would be to invite disaster. Of that the Belgian and Dutch experience in 1940 is ample warning. Just as the defence plans of single governments must be made long in advance, and provide for eventualities which it is hoped will never occur, so the defence plans of an alliance must be made and co-ordinated. To that end it was agreed when the five Defence Ministers met in Paris before the signing of the treaty that there should be set up a permanent defence committee. It can be assumed that it will arrange for full exchange of information and intelligence, for unification, or at any rate, for harmonisation of armaments and will concert strategic plans for various contingencies. It could become the nucleus of a combined staff organisation which would be necessary if, unfortunately, joint action were required. In short, the defensive systems of the five States in Europe are being converted into a joint defence system; not amalgamated but closely co-ordinated. And this implies no menace, need arouse no annoyances, and no disquiet in any country which has a clear political conscience, which plans no aggression and no enterprises which might bring war and armed attack on the five signatories. The machinery of the alliance, like the obligations of the alliance, is not a disturbing but a stabilising factor in Europe. For conduct which troubles the peaceful relations of European countries, as well as for the dissemination of alarmist rumours of an impending war, it is necessary to look further east than London. It is Moscow which disquiets the peoples of Western Europe by its actions and frightens the peoples of Eastern Europe by its propaganda.

Anglo-Soviet Relations Discussed By Mr Bevin

PROSPECTS NOT VERY BRIGHT

London, May 4.—There was little chance of a lasting settlement between Britain and the Soviet Union until the Kremlin changed its "ideological attitude," the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, told Parliament tonight.

"The trouble which is preventing agreement is the assumption that any settlement we may make must be so designed as to further the Communist objective," he said.

Mr Bevin was opening a two-day debate in the House of Commons on Britain's foreign policy.

In his world survey, Mr Bevin made the following points:

1.—Berlin: "We are in Berlin by right. It is our intention to stay there."

2.—Palestine: "There is no question of using our resources after May 15 to enforce any kind of settlement against the wishes of either party."

3.—Western Union: "We have no intention whatever of being diverted from the great practical task to which we have set our hand by any academic discussions about sovereignty."

4.—Germany: "We still stand for the principle of German unity."

5.—Austria: "We now seem considerably nearer to getting an Austrian treaty. We are prepared to go on being patient, if that is the way to realise our aim."

6.—Italy: "I recognise that in Italy there are still great obstacles to be surmounted before it is quite clear exactly what role Italy is to play in the postwar world."

The Foreign Minister said: "I have always felt that if we had only to deal with Russia and not with Communist ideology, a settlement would be possible."

"The trouble which is preventing an agreement is the assumption that any settlement we may make must be so designed as to further the Communist objective."

He continued: "I have no doubt that the steadiness of our attitude will be clearly shown if put to the test."

OTHER POINTS

In his world survey, Mr Bevin made these other points.

Palestine:—"We do not depart from our decision to retain the mandate only until May 15. There is no question of using our resources after May 15 to enforce any kind of settlement against the wishes of either party."

"There is still time for moderation and reason to win, but in a few days it may be too late."

Of the recent disputes in Berlin between the Western powers and the Soviet Union, Mr Bevin said: "We are in Berlin as of right. It is our intention to stay there."

"I trust that attempts to settle this problem by a war of nerves will be brought to an end. I trust that discussions will take the place of the recent provocations."

South East Asia:—"Our main concern there has been to do all in our power to promote political development, to co-ordinate the production and resources of that great rich area in order to avert famine on a terrifying scale, and to allow it, after invasion and disturbances, to resume its normal life."

Hence the setting up in Singapore of an organisation to co-ordinate Britain's whole policy and to ensure the fullest liaison between the territories in that area, he said.

The time had now come for that organisation to be combined with that under the Governor-General, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, who would now resume full responsibility as Commissioner General.

JAPAN PEACE TREATY

The fact that a peace treaty with Japan had not yet been concluded had slowed down progress towards the restoration of normal conditions and the improvement of the standard of living of the people of South East Asia and the Far East generally, Mr Bevin declared.

"We shall continue to use our best endeavours to further the progressive, social, political and economic development of all the peoples in the Far East, and particularly South East Asia."

Western Union: "We have no intention whatever of being diverted from the great practical task to which we have set our hand by any academic discussions about sovereignty."

"We all want the treaty to be a really effective instrument of co-operation in every field and I believe we have begun on sound lines."

"In the realm of defence, we are conceiving nothing aggressive against anyone."

"In the end we hope others will join us in the Western Union. Anyone who comes into the scheme must be treated on terms of absolute equality."

Austria:—"We now seem considerably nearer to getting an Austrian treaty. We are prepared to go on being patient, if that is the way to realise our aim."

"That aim is the re-establishment of a truly free, democratic and sovereign Austria."

THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

In discussing the efforts to arrive at a treaty for Austria, Mr Bevin said the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' Deputies have held over 100 meetings in London on this subject. Mr Bevin added that although progress had been "painfully slow" over the first nine weeks, "we now seem considerably nearer to getting an Austrian treaty."

On Italy, Mr Bevin said: "I recognise that in Italy there are still great obstacles to be surmounted before it is quite clear exactly what role Italy is to play in the postwar world."

"Treaty, in our view, should now be returned to Italy."

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Flattened By Tornado



KING ABDULLAH'S LATEST OFFER Will Give Palestinian Jews Full Arab Nationality

Lake Success, May 4.—King Abdullah, of Transjordan, offered today, in a telegram to the United Nations, to give the Palestinian Jews full Arab nationality in a single Palestine State as a means of ending the present "slaughter."

King Abdullah said the calamities occurring in Palestine were beyond belief, and after May 15 would reach the pinnacle of horror. He deplored the useless killing and attacks.

"I am nevertheless persuaded that the Jewish people, as a whole, desire to live in amity with the Arabs," he said. "Everything cries for intervention to halt this butchery."

"We now declare our readiness to give the Jews in Palestine full Arab nationality in a unitary State sharing all that we share, while yet enjoying a special administration in particular areas. Thus will end the slaughter and the people will live in peace and security forever."

His telegram was addressed to Dr Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.—Reuter.

TRUCE AT AN END

Tel-Aviv, May 4.—The Stern Gang, the Jewish terrorist organisation, today announced the end of their truce with the British in Palestine.

59 DAYS —and no water unless the rains come! SAVE MORE —and more and more EVERY DAY

declaring: "Our direct war against the British enemy will be resumed."

The communique, which was regarded as a reply to the arrival of British reinforcements in Palestine, said that the aim of the Stern group would be to prove that the British Army was unable to maintain law and order in the Holy Land.—Reuter.

ARAB ARMIES MOVE

(By Seaghan Maynes)
Damascus, May 4.—Arab armies are beginning to move towards Palestine battlegrounds. A mobilised Iraqi Army brigade, which has already arrived in Transjordan, is expected to link up with King Abdullah's British-trained Arab Legion in an imminent thrust across the Palestine frontier.

During a 200-mile drive from Palestine through Transjordan to Syria, I saw a motorised column of Iraqis moving through the mountains of Moab towards Palestine. Iraqi motorcycle scouts cleared civilian traffic from the route.

Arab regular armies will enter Palestine within a few days. Fawzi El Dja Al Kawukli, the Arab commander in the field, predicted to Reuter.

Reports here suggest that the Arabs "Invasion Day" plans, ratified at the recent Arab war councils at Amman, capital of Transjordan, and Damascus, provide for the following deployment of forces:

1.—Syrian and Lebanese troops to attack in North Palestine.

2.—The Transjordan Arab Legion and Iraqi troops to thrust to the centre of the Holy Land.

3.—Some 15,000 Egyptian troops to strike at the south of Palestine.

WAR PREPARATIONS

Throughout Transjordan, war preparations were being completed as I drove through the land. The Arab Legion was being mobilised with artillery and armoured fighting vehicles.

The training of thousands of recruits was being speeded up. King Abdullah of Transjordan is expected to be the Supreme Commander of the Arab regular troops, with General Ismail Safwat Pasha, commanding the volunteers of the Arab "Liberation Army."

At Kawukli, the Arab Liberation Army commander in the field, now at his headquarters at Ramallah, 10 miles to the north of Jerusalem, is said to be preparing a counterblow in the Jerusalem area with about 5,000 irregulars, backed by local fighters.

The Jewish army of Irgun and Hagana forces was estimated at 23,000 frontline troops, with at least 40,000 in support.—Reuter.

MP's Generous Colleagues

London, May 4.—Maurice Webb, 44-year-old chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, received today £620, his colleagues' gift for him to take a vacation in Jamaica.

Webb, who had a leg amputated two years ago, has been in ill health since then.

Some months ago he said in Parliament that, after paying expenses, he had only £3-15 a week left out of his £1,000 a year salary.

His Labour colleagues sent him their collection with the suggestion that he should take a long holiday somewhere in the sunshine.

Mr Webb will leave for Jamaica on May 20.—Associated Press.

Roy Farran Leaves For A Secret Destination

Wolverhampton, May 5.— Captain Roy Farran left for a secret destination on Tuesday while Scotland Yard organised an international hunt for Jewish agents suspected of mailing him a bomb that killed his younger brother Rex.

Captain Farran, high up on the Jewish underground's "blood list" since he was acquitted of murdering a youthful member of the Stern Gang in Palestine, was laden with baggage when he left his home.

"I honestly have not the slightest idea where he has gone," said his brother Keith. "But he is always like that. He is terribly upset about the whole affair and he not talked about it much."

The bomb, mailed in a hollowed out volume of Shakespeare's plays and addressed to "R. Farran," exploded when it was opened on Monday by Rex Farran. He died two hours later of abdominal wounds.

SCOTLAND YARD ON JOB

Scotland Yard, assigning its ablest detectives to the case, said "All possible steps are being taken." A spokesman refused to confirm published reports that security regulations had been tightened to protect cabinet ministers and other high officials.

The Yard also refused to confirm published reports that the trail led to Belgium and France. It was known, however, that police are in radio communication with headquarters of the International Police Commission in Paris.

"It is quite likely," a Yard spokesman said, "that some countries are concerned as much as we are with these people who come from Palestine."

Precautions to guard Captain Farran, a much decorated British Army hero, included the interception of all mail for his family.—Associated Press.

Mice Play With Cats, Feed In Birds' Cage

London, May 4.—Because she kept a "menagerie" in her 20-roomed house in which mice ran freely among the cats and fed in the birds' cages, the Honourable Mrs A. McLaren Morrison, 83-year-old daughter of a Baron, was summoned in a London police court today.

Stated to be the possessor of 25 birds, 10 cats, eight dogs and 13 guinea pigs, Mrs McLaren Morrison was charged under a Public Health Act "for keeping animals and birds in such state as to cause serious infestation of mice and nuisance from flies."

An inspector of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, quoted to the court Mrs Morrison's repeated statement: "If you take my animals away, I will commit suicide!" The court ordered Mrs Morrison to remove the causes of the complaint within 14 days.—Reuter.

RELATIONS BROKEN-OFF

Bogota, May 4.—Colombia today informed Moscow she was breaking off diplomatic relations with Russia. Officials in charge of the Soviet Legation here were told they must leave the country next week at the latest.—Reuter.

U.S. GOVT. MAY SEIZE RAILWAYS

Chicago, May 4.—Government seizure of the railways in the United States became a possibility tonight after the collapse of mediation efforts to avert a strike called for May 11.

Attempts of Mr Frank Douglass, Chairman of the National Mediation Board, to settle the wage dispute between the railroads and three operating brotherhoods broke down today.

Douglass said he would go to Washington tonight to report to President Harry Truman.

General Counsel Francis A. Silver of the Office of Defence Transportation said in Washington that the regulation is still in force making it possible for Mr Truman to order government operation of the railways.

The walkout has been set for next Tuesday by Unions representing 100,000 engineers and switchmen.—Associated Press.

COURT FINDING RAISES IRE

Washington, May 4.—The decision by the United States Supreme Court yesterday that covenants to bar Negroes or other racial groups from all-white neighbourhoods were not legally enforceable, called forth their comments from two Mississippi Democrats today.

Mr John Williams: "The decision did more to bring about a revival of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States than anything done in the last 40 years."

Mr John Rankin: "There must have been a celebration in Moscow last night, for the Communists won their greatest victory in the Supreme Court."

"While Christian Americans seem to have no rights left, which the present Supreme Court feels bound to respect."—Reuter.

Irish To Pay More Income Tax And Higher Duties

Dublin, May 4.—Increases in income tax and customs duties on petroleum in sweeping administrative economies were highlights of a budget for Eire proposed in the Dail today by Finance Minister Patrick McGilligan. The budget calls for expenditure of £77,000,000 but McGilligan had trimmed £8,000,000 from the original estimates.

He made the reduction by shelving several costly projects, including the erection of a short wave radio station which was to have been used, primarily for broadcasts to America.

Mr McGilligan proposed raising income tax by sixpence to seven shillings in the Pound and advocated raising the petrol duty from nine pence to one shilling and two pence a gallon.

The budget calls for increasing the tea ration after June 5 from one and a half to two ounces weekly. It increases widows and orphans pensions and reduces import duties on wine by 75 percent.—Associated Press.

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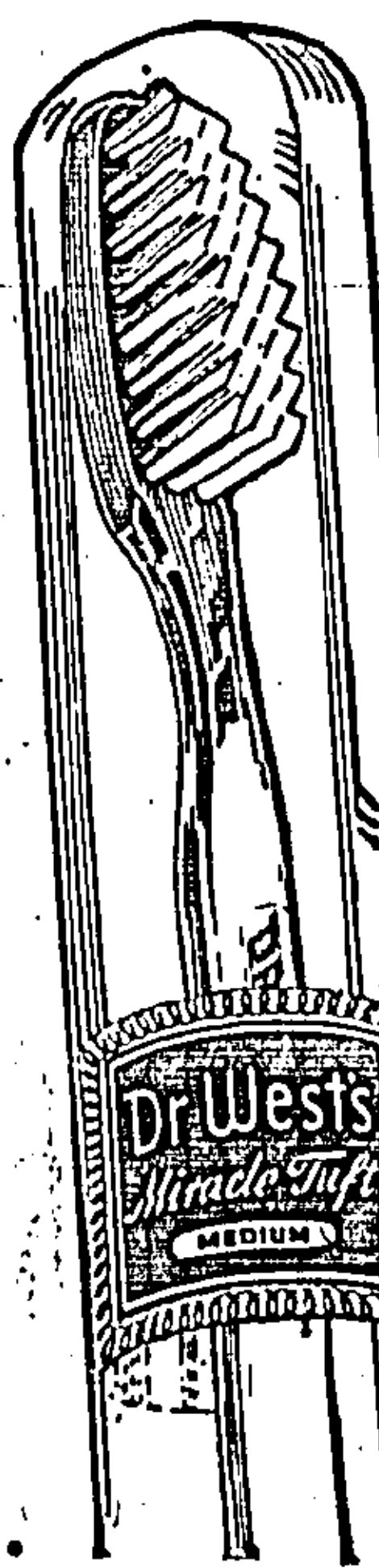
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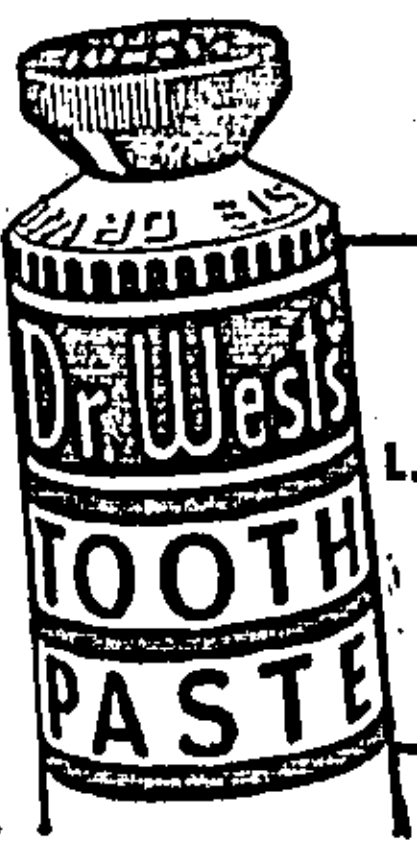
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THESE TEN STARS DRESS BEST

RKO dress designer Edward Stevenson gives his list of the 10 best-dressed stars:

They are:

Rosalind Russell, knows how to adapt new fashions to her own personality. Marlene Dietrich, dramatizes clothes with taste.

Gene Tierney, is a perfect example of the youthful sophisticate. Irene Dunne, has great refinement in her dressing; each appointment is perfect.

Rita Hayworth, has graceful movement in her clothes.

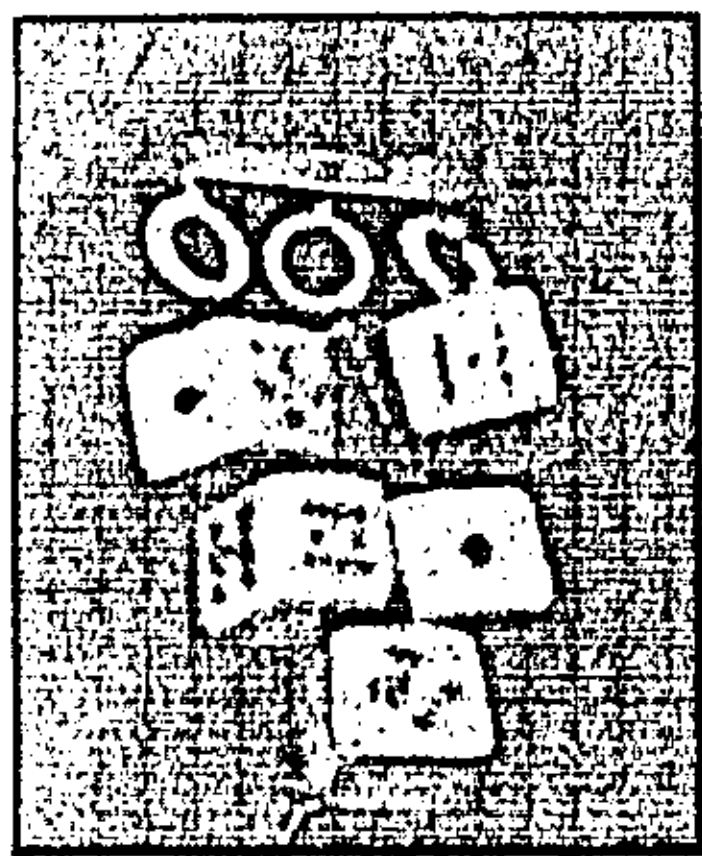
Claudette Colbert, has an innate French flair for style.

Jane Greer, has learned to dress her exotic beauty with quiet good taste.

Maureen O'Hara, keeps a subtle blending of colours in her costumes. Ava Gardner, personifies young, dramatic dressing.

Janet Blair, has the clean-cut, vital look of the all-American type of girl.

Lapel Ornament



Poker dice, on a gold chain, made this smart lapel ornament seen in the West End.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To clean costume jewellery, moisten baking soda with water and place in a saucepan. Dip an old tooth brush into the mixture, and the jewellery will take on a new brightness.

To keep aluminium cooking utensils shining, they should be washed immediately after each use in hot soap water, thoroughly rinsed and carefully dried. Leaving them to soak is likely to darken and roughen them.

RED RYDER

Hold On, Little Beaver



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WOMANSENSE HOW TO MAKE ROAST PORK GO FARTHER

"CHOICE cuts are too expensive. I find that there is quite a difference in prices between the different stores, so it saves money to take time to shop around," said the Chef. He opened the package. "See Madame?" Here is a nice 3-pound loin of pork roast cut from the blade end. Properly cooked it will be enough for a family of four, with some left over for another meal. Of course there will be some shrinkage when the pork is roasted."

Bread Dressing

"So I think it would be good to use a bread dressing," I said. "That is always a good idea," observed the Chef. "The bread dressing spread all over the outside keeps the juices in the meat so it does not shrink so much."

"And the crisp savoury crust it forms is an appetising accompaniment to the meat and makes it go farther," I added.

"But tell me, Madame; some people call it dressing and some call it stuffing. Will you please explain how the words are used?"

Properly speaking, a stuffing is a savoury bread, cereal, or sometimes fruit mixture, which is stuffed into poultry or a roast which has been breaded. A dressing, although made similarly to a bread stuffing, is spread on the outside of the meat or poultry, to encase the food and keep in the juices. Stuffings are made with less liquid, for they take up moisture from the meat. Dressings on the other hand, must be moist enough to form a thick covering that will stick to the meat and make an appetising crust that will not be too dry.

Pork Loin

"Now I understand," said the Chef. "Naturally, this will be a dressing we shall use on the outside of our pork loin. But if I had bought a shoulder of fresh pork and had the bones removed, it would be a stuffing I would put inside the meat. I shall make a double quantity of gravy so there will be a plenty to serve with the dressing which will, as you say, have a crunch. Would you prefer a white bread or a dark bread dressing?" he asked.

"For the pork I'd like a rye bread dressing, preferably with caraway seeds."

"It shall be done," said the Chef. "And I shall add a little grated apple for the extra taste."

"Ah, zee touch of zee Chef," I exclaimed. "But be sure to put in some powdered sage, and a little crushed garlic as well."

Tomorrow's Dinner

Tomato Juice Crisp Crackers

Loin Pork Roast with Dressing and Gravy

Potatoes Baked with the Meat Quick Cabbage

Upside Down Apple Biscuit Pies.

Honey-Lemon Cream Sauce

Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four

Loin Pork Roast

Order a 3 lb. loin of pork cut from the blade end. Cut off half the fat. Dust with salt and pepper and place bone side up in a hot oven, 425 F. and roast until the meat is light brown, about 20 min. Then turn fat side up, and cover with a ½ in. layer of moist sage bread dressing. Return to the oven; reduce the heat to 350 F. and roast 30 min. for each pound or about two hours. During the cooking baste 3 times with a hot water, tomato juice or liquid dressing from cooked vegetables using not more than 1 c. altogether. Make a gravy from the drippings in the pan.

Sage Bread Dressing: Break into coarse crumbs ½ loaf stale white or rye bread containing caraway seeds, or use its equivalent in broken bits of bread. Add 1 tbsp. minced parsley, ½ tsp. powdered sage, 1 tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper, 2 tbsp. finely minced onion, ½ tsp. section garlic crushed fine, and 1 tsp. meat drippings. Then pour in enough boiling water to moisten, about 1

c. Stir until the bread is mixed smoothly with the liquid. The dressing should be sufficiently thick and pasty to spread over the meat. Roast Pork Gravy: Pour off excess fat from the roasting pan, leaving 3 tbsp. together with the brown particles and drippings. Transfer this to a small sauce pan. Stir in 4 tbsp. flour; then gradually stir in 2 c. boiling water or liquid drained from cooking potatoes or other vegetables. Add 1 tsp. liquid gravy seasoning, and cook and stir until boiling; simmer 2 min.

Upside Down Apple Biscuit Pies

Thoroughly rub muffin pans with

butter or margarine, and half fill with three peeled, sliced tart cooking apples mixed with ½ c. sugar, and ½ tsp. cinnamon or nutmeg, or 1 tsp. lemon juice according to taste. On top of the apples, place rounds of baking powder biscuit dough, either home-made or from a mix, and cut a little smaller than a diameter of the pans. Bake 25 min. in a hot oven, 400 F. To serve, turn the hot pies upside down into shallow sauce dishes; and on and over each, put a generous tablespoon of honey-lemon cream sauce.

Honey-Lemon Cream Sauce: Into ¾ c. soured cream, beat 1 tsp. honey, a few grains salt and ½ tsp. lemon juice.

Trick of the Chef

For bright colour and an excellent flavour, add 2 tbsp. any red-coloured jelly or jam to the apples in making upside down apple biscuit pies.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Toad Plans a Trip

—But an Unexpected Accident Keeps Him Home—

By MAX TRELL



Willy Toad landed in a heap at the foot of the tree.

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, were surprised to find their friend Willy Toad packing all his belongings, as though he were going away. His toothbrush, his comb and brush, a green speckled suit and a fly sweater were all neatly packed away. The mushroom on which he had lived for so many months now looked quite bare.

"Well, well, my dears," he greeted them as they drew near, "you come at just the right moment. I'm about to take a trip—ah yes, quite a long trip."

"Where are you going, Willy?" Hanid asked in a sad voice. She didn't like the idea of Willy's going away.

Webbed Shoes

"To the moon," answered Willy, poking under a bush close by and taking out a pair of webbed shoes which he had almost forgotten.

"To the moon!" Knarf and Hanid exclaimed in astonishment.

"That's right," said Willy. "You sound surprised. What's wrong with taking a trip to the moon? I've never been there, you know. I don't see any reason why I shouldn't go there, do you?"

"But how are you going to get there?" Knarf said. "It's high up in the sky."

"And you can't jump that high," Hanid added. "Especially if you're going to take that heavy valise!"

"Nonsense," said Willy. "It's not high at all. I saw it last night. It's only about a foot or two over the top of the pine tree on the hill. It won't be any trouble at all."

It did no good for Knarf and Hanid to try to explain to Willy that though the moon seemed to be only a foot or two above the top of the pine tree, it was really much further away than that—"It's thousands and thousands of miles away," said Knarf.

"That's what you think," said Willy, packing away a pair of yellow shoes and closing up the valise. "I'm going to the moon tonight. If you want to come and

Good "Pick-Up" Treatment



After taking a relaxing tub, pat on fragrant dusting powder.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FOR cosmetics let us be thankful. The old make-up kit is first aid to the spirits when they are dragging in the dust. Look better; feel better. No man, of course, can be expected to understand that state of affairs. Or maybe he can. When he shaves, slicks back his hair, possibly he gets pleased with himself.

It is a fact that tell-tale lines and little hammocks under the eyes—they loom up when a woman is tired—do give way to a certain extent under a relaxing, pick-up treatment. You, no doubt have found out that fact for yourself. You drag home tired after a hectic day. The evening date is ahead of you. You take your bath, go limp, soak in warm water. Muscles relax,

nerves stop yelling at you. You close your eyes, think of nothing at all. Then have an alternate hot and cold shower to awaken your blood streams, a rub down with a fragrant bath oil or tonic, followed by a dusting with scented powder. Then a ten-minute rest in bed with a cold compress over your eyes. Only ten minutes, but what a world of good it does for you.

Using both hands you slather your face with cream, starting at the collar bones, working up to your forehead, anointing your ear lobes. Your complexion suddenly comes to life, taking on a pleasing colour. You remove the cream with absorbent cotton dipped in a skin tonic.

Then you are ready to put on the high lights, the commercial blush, the tulip red ointment on your lips, possibly a bit of shadow on your eyelids. You are ready for the gala evening!

RIDDLES

KIDS AND ADULTS

This set of riddles is about people, young and old. Answers on this page.

1. When is a youngster like a stewed apple?
2. When are boys like flannel?
3. When is a tylist an excitable person?
4. What is the best thing grandpa puts in a water glass at night?

—Hester Alletson

SQUAWK WALK



Here comes Jennie and her braying boots! Jennie can fix it, though.

Oh! will silence squeaks in new or old shoes. Take a thumb tack and perforate the sole of each squeaker a few times. Brush over the holes with a wad of cotton soaked in light machine oil. Let the shoes stand overnight on padded newspapers before using. Frequent polishing keeps squeaks out of the upper part of the shoe.

RIDDLE ANSWERS

1—When he's saucy. 2—When they shrink from washing. 3—When she's all keyed up. 4—His teeth.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—29



The Wise Old Goat smiles at Rupert's words. "It is quite right that you should think of your mother, but I will arrange things for you," he says. After setting a meal before the little bear he takes a piece of paper and writes a note. Presently the new storm passes and, opening a window, he calls loudly in some strange language. Immediately a dark bird flies in, seizes the note and darts out again. "There, that message tells your mother you are safe with me," he says.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



NUN CASTS VOTE—A nun of the Order of the Sisters of St. Vincent De Paul watches a Rome election clerk as he takes her ballot in the Italian elections. An armed guard stands in the left background.



JEWISH GIRL SOLDIERS—Girl soldiers of the Hagannah chat with a male member of the Jewish army in the wrecked village of Kastel, which was captured from the Arabs after a violent seesaw battle lasting 10 days. This was near the spot where Abdul Kader Hussein, leader of the Arabs, was killed leading his men into battle.



MOTHER OF THE YEAR—Mrs. Helen Gartside Hines, 60, of Springfield, Illinois, recently was named "American Mother of the Year" by the American Mothers' Committee.



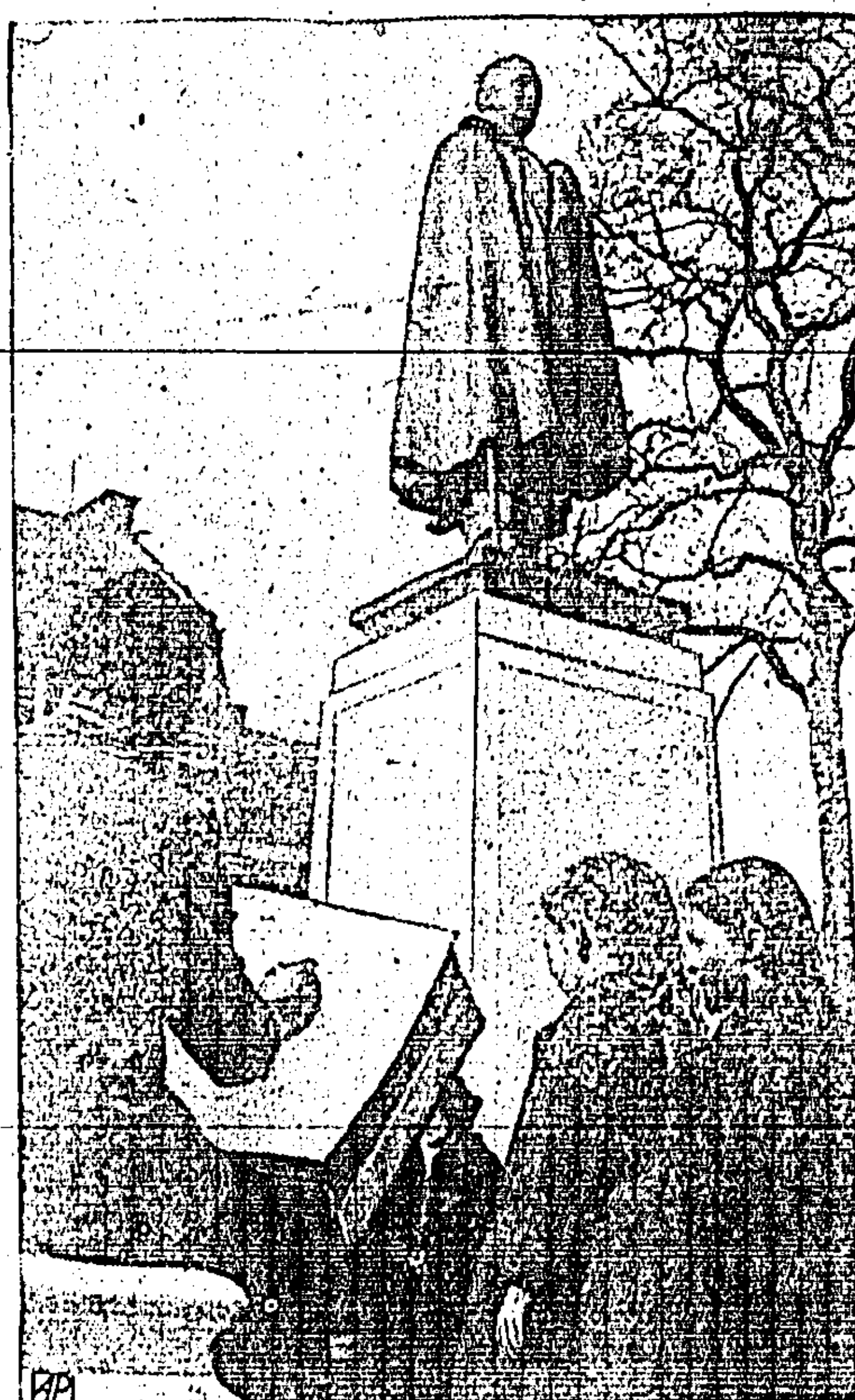
CHAIRMAN—Governor Dwight H. Green of Illinois has been named temporary chairman of the Republican convention to be held in Philadelphia in June.



MACFADDEN AND BRIDE-TO-BE—Bernarr Macfadden, 79-year-old physical culturist and father of seven children, stands beside Mrs. Jonnie Lee, 42, whom he married at Miami Beach recently. Macfadden and his former wife, Mary Williamson Macfadden, were divorced in 1946. The physical culturist is a Democratic candidate for Governor of Florida.



LEWIS AFTER VERDICT—John L. Lewis, U.S. miners' labour leader, leaves a Federal district court in Washington, after being found guilty of criminal contempt. In background are John Owens (left), secretary-treasurer of Lewis' Mineworkers Union, and Attorney Welly K. Hopkins.



AT ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL—Artist Phillip Poyser sketches the British memorial to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Grosvenor Square, London. The memorial was unveiled by Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt in April.



LAST RESPECTS—Spectators stand in the rain as the casket containing the body of Dr John B. (Jock) Sutherland, coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers and former coach of the University of Pittsburgh, is carried by members of his Steelers squad from Pittsburgh's Calvary Episcopal Church. He died after an operation on a brain tumour.

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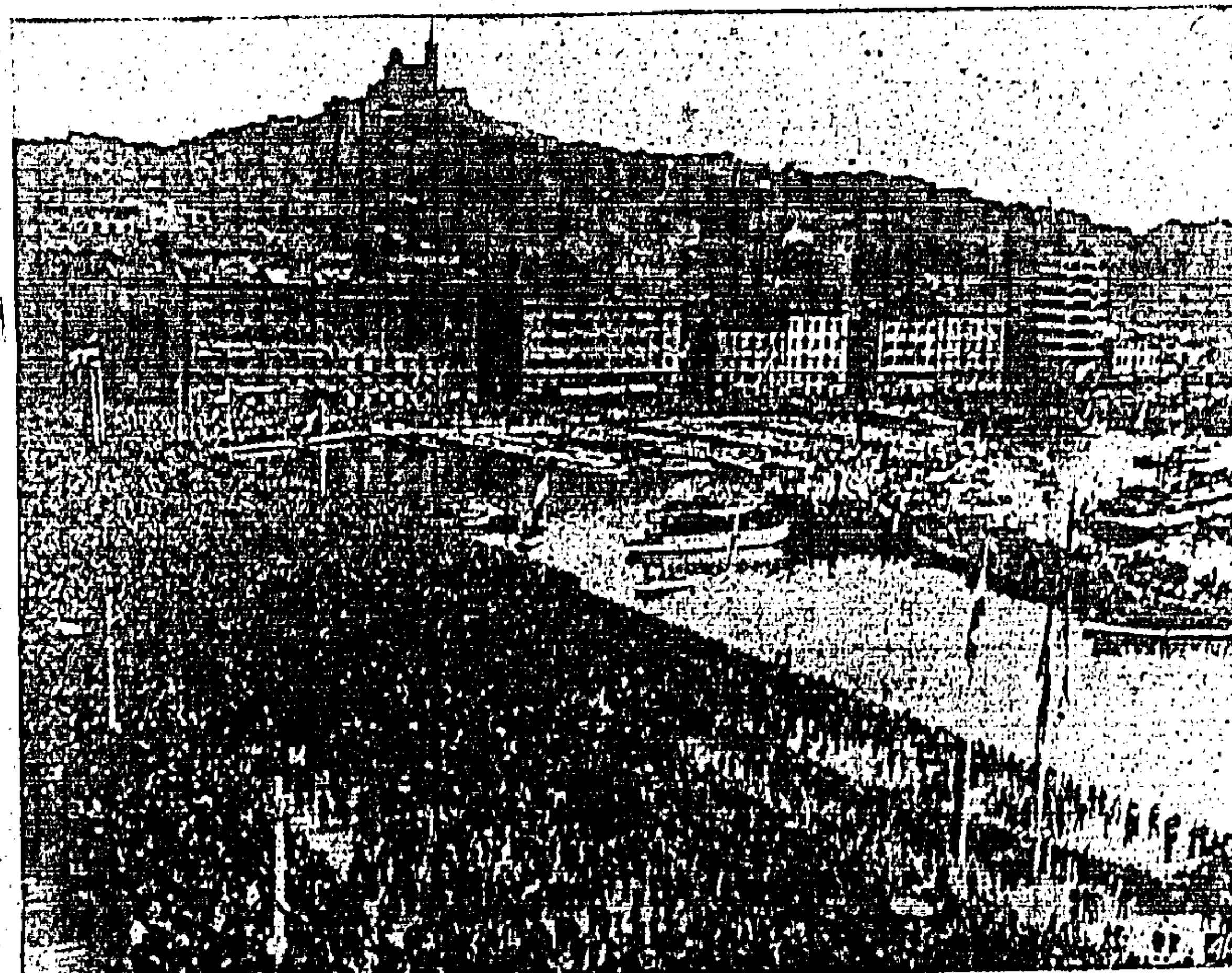
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CROWD THRONGS PORT TO HEAR DE GAULLE—A throng gathers along the waterfront at the old port of Marseilles, France, to hear General Charles De Gaulle speak from a boat. The speaker's stand is in centre, at the right end of white boat. Atop the hill in the background is the Cathedral of Notre Dame de la Garde.

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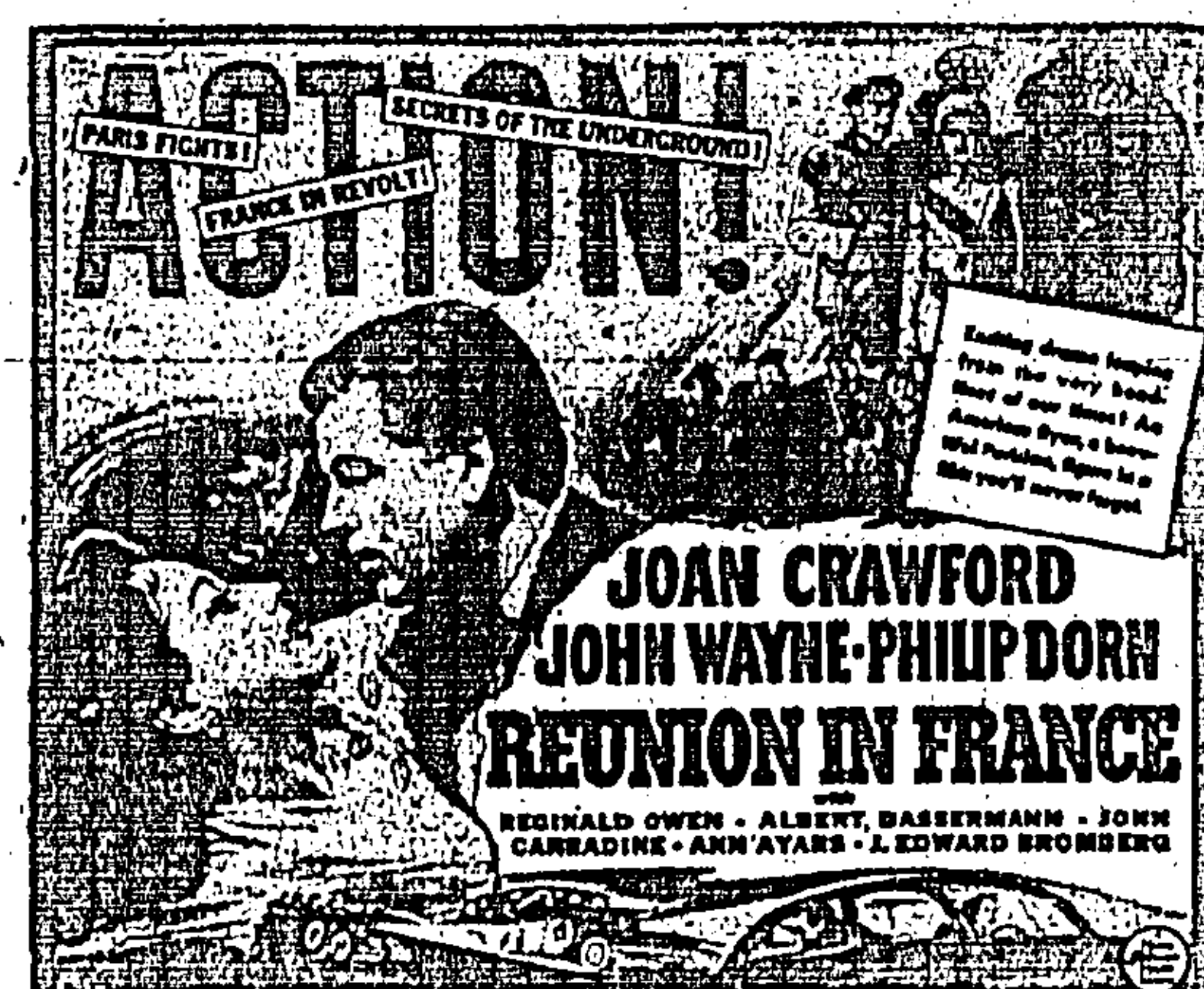
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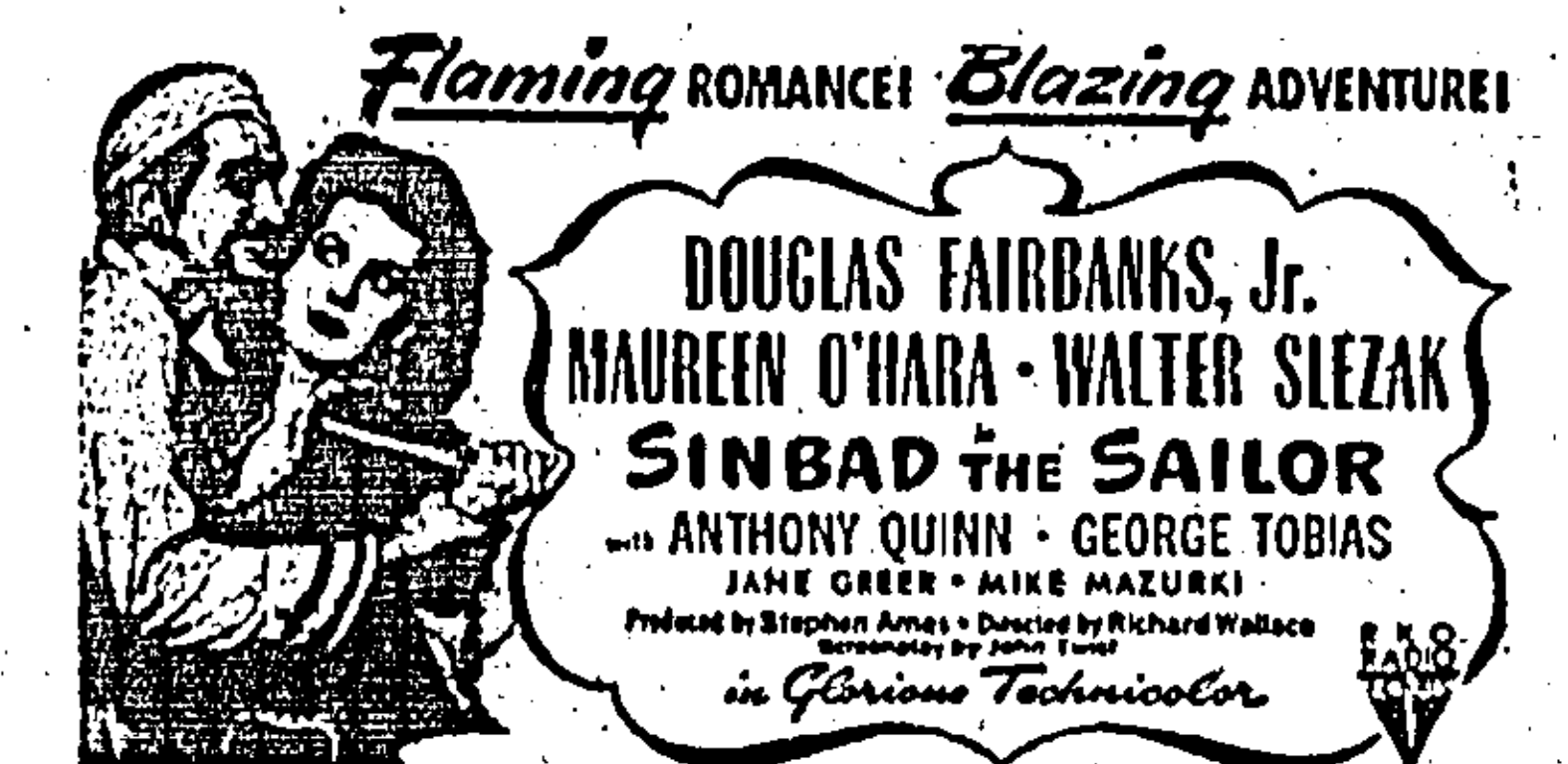
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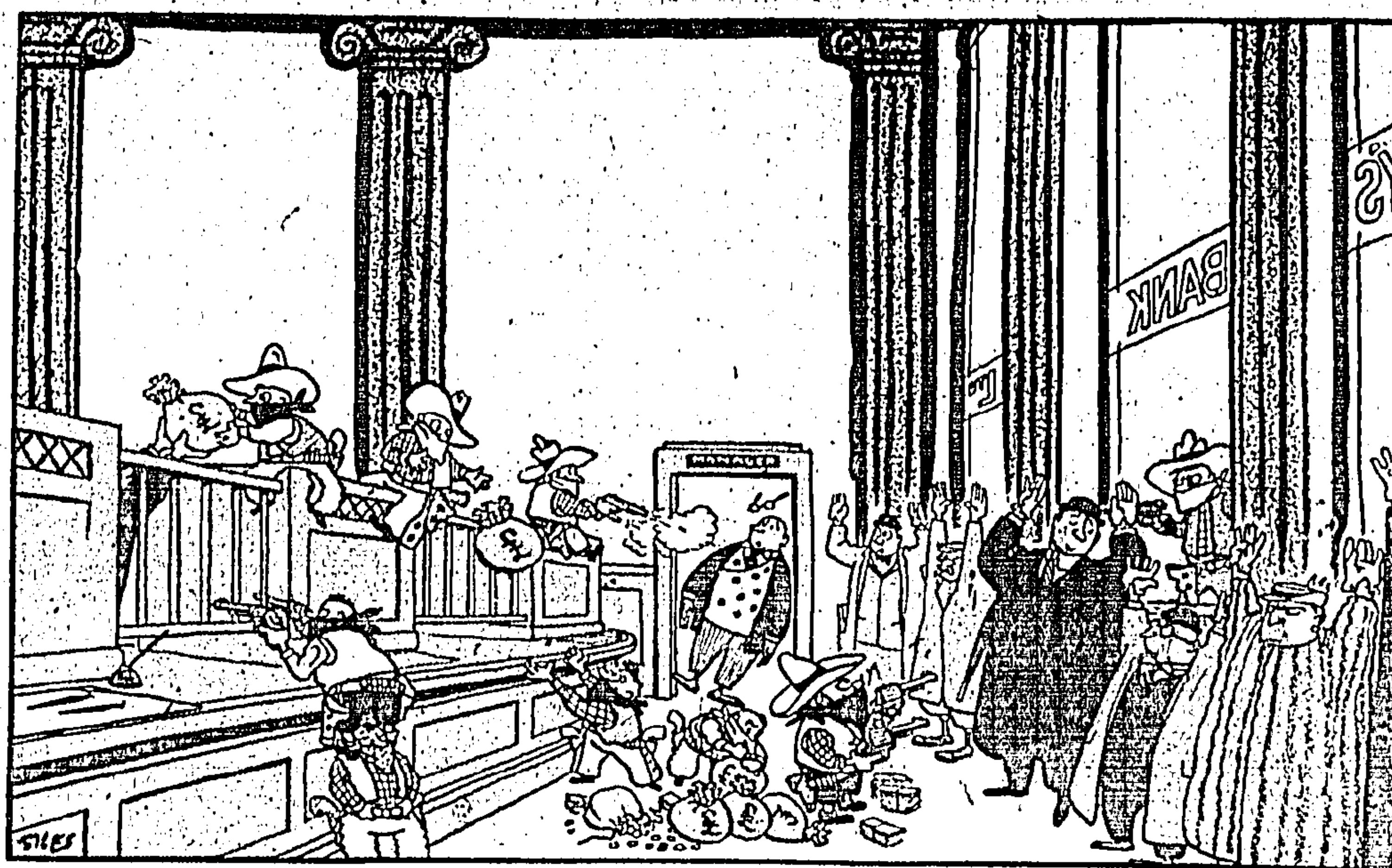
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE Sparrow's wife, a little bit of newspaper in her claw, was crying quietly in one corner of the Nest while the Sparrow was trying to doze in the other.

"What are you reading?" asked the Sparrow, opening one eye to glare at her, "the death of Little Nell?"

"No," said his wife, a tear rolling down her cheek.

"Then what are you snuffling about?" asked the Sparrow.

"I'm frightened that's all," said his wife. "I suppose I can be frightened if I like?"

"After Cripps's speech everybody's frightened, or ought to be," said the Sparrow, "but if we all sat crying in corners Loretta Young would have something to talk about."

"I don't know anything about Cripps or Loretta Young," said his wife. "It's the police I'm frightened about."

"Why?" asked the Sparrow. "Have you pinched something?"

"According to the papers," said his wife, a fresh tear starting in her eye, "there are not enough policemen to protect us."

"Protect us from what?"

"Burglars. The paper says the crime wave is on the increase."

"To hear you nattering about nothing," said the Sparrow, "any one would think you were an old-time Duchess smothered in pearls and diamonds."

"They take anything nowadays," said his wife. "Even carpets."

"They can have ours with pleasure," said the Sparrow, glancing down at the square inch of threadbare matting.

"And bed linen and even the curtains."

"We have no windows, so we have no curtains," said the Sparrow. "So what are you worrying about?"

"You sound very brave," said his wife, "but I don't know what you'd do if a burglar came in this minute."

"I do," said the Sparrow, preparing to leave.

"What?" asked his wife.

"Get out quick," said the Sparrow.

"And leave me alone?" asked his wife.

"Certainly," said the Sparrow, as he flew off to the Tree Tops Club. "There's no sense in both of us getting bumped off, is there?"

Twenty questions

THE following was the result of an Intelligence test arranged for Lottie, devil cat and feline intellect, on the lines of the B.B.C.'s Twenty Questions programme. N. Gubbins, Esq., was the question master.

"The first object is animal."
"Four legs or two?"
"Four."
"Small or large?"
"Small."
"Can you eat it?"
"I couldn't."
"If you were very hungry."
"It is a mouse!"
"Correct. You did that in five questions instead of twenty."
"I ought to have done it in one."

Any fool would know that your first object for a cat would be a mouse.

During the last 2,000 years of my career many of my pupils have wanted to acclaim me publicly. I have always advised against it, knowing from long experience that it is the easiest way to rouse the Churches of the world against you and, with them, a considerable body of influential public opinion.

That impetuous boy Adolf Hitler often pleaded with me to allow him to reveal his true faith. But I always refused. I always said:

"Adolf, you will serve my purpose better if you do the exact reverse, like all my other splendid conquerors and war-makers."

"Tell the world you are on the side of right and goodness and virtue."

"Next, please."
"My next is vegetable."
"Can you eat it?"
"Yes."
"Natural or manufactured?"
"Is there any in this room?"
"On the wall?"
"It is frequently seen on walls."
"On the floor?"
"Sometimes."
"Is it on the floor now?"
"Yes."
"There's a carpet on the floor and sometimes they are hung on walls. But it can't be a carpet because Hitler used to eat them, didn't he?"
"Do cats play with it?"
"Yes."
"It can't be wool because wool is animal. Is it that piece of string?"
"Correct in nine questions."
"Think of something more difficult next time, will you?"

Letter From Mr. Lucifer

DEAR Mr Gubbins, Communists, in their excitement at the near prospect of world domination, have made many blunders lately, some of which you have pointed out yourself.

May I now draw your attention to their latest gaffe uttered by ancient Comrade Corradetti in Rome?

This irresponsible enthusiast for totalitarianism said:

"I thank Satan that I have lived to see the day when the great popular masses united. I beg Satan to give me six months more so that I shall see the Front in operation."

As you will readily understand, this is a great embarrassment to one, and many prove to be one of the many small indiscretions which could destroy my plans for the final world catastrophe.

Atom Bomb Base Goes Back To Nature

By James E. Roper

TINIAN, Marianas Islands. THE airfield that hurled the atom bomb against Japan lies deserted today. Wild cattle roam across the great landing strips.

Nobody cares. There is nobody to care.

This base, with probably the world's greatest array of runways, has been abandoned.

Runway "Abel" is the one that the atom bombers used. But there are six others, all paved with white coral that makes them glare under the Pacific sun. Laid out parallel, they form great grids across the island.

Each runway is 8,500 feet long and 500 wide—the envy of every airport, but just an annoyance to cattle searching for pasture.

Near the sea is the building where the atom bombs were assembled. Typhoons have torn open its sides. Artillery ammunition is stored inside. The ammunition cases are rotting.

A little farther on are two pits where atomic bombs once rested. Now they are partly filled with water. A frog, disturbed by the first visitor in weeks, leaps into the water, and sticks his head out protectively.

An occasional plane lands at the strip at the other end of the grid. There is no airport radio, so the plane before landing buzzes the field to alert a crash crew.

Stretching away from the air strips are paved roads marked "Broadway" and "Eighth Ave." Each is nine miles long. Each is polka-dotted with thousands of African snails, descendants of the snails which the Japanese brought here to eat.

They menace the only commercial undertaking on the island—a farm intended to furnish fresh vegetables to American service personnel on Guam and Saipan. A half-dozen Navy men tend for the rusting Tinian port, and about 200 Army men have been destroying the staggering piles of atomic bombs which were abandoned when the war ended. Now that work has stopped to save the bombs for China.

Some 10,000 oriental civilians survive on Tinian when the U.S. Marines captured the island in a nine-day campaign in July 1944, at the cost of 250 American lives. When the war closed, the United States sent the Tinian residents back to their original homes—Japan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Korea. Now a civilian population would be welcomed.

The island of 30 square miles is loaded with hangars, barracks and other ground installations that would serve as housing if maintained.

Right now, the buildings are slowly caving in. But the landing strips, which together used to put B-29's in the air at the rate of one every 10 seconds, are in perfect condition and could be cleared quickly of the cows, frogs and snails if the need arose.—United Press.



IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

THE knife is out from under the cloak again and official Labour has been stabbed in the back by some within its own ranks.

It is difficult to imagine a more deliberate flouting of party loyalty than the sending, by some 40 Labour M.P.'s, of the telegram wishing success to the Communist-Socialist coalition in the Italian elections.

In the list of signatories there are some "innocents," but the others must be taken as contemptuously spurning party policy, and affirming their preference for Communist dictatorship as against democratic government.

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FROM every standpoint this is the gravest and at the same time most scornful act of indiscipline which has occurred since Labour took office in 1945.

Labour's foreign policy will be brought into contempt and the discipline of the party will go to pieces unless action is taken against this betrayal.

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DEBATE on the question of the death penalty provided a dramatic occasion.

There is no doubt that the decision to abolish the death penalty was a shock to the Government, and a blow to its prestige.

But the Government cannot justly feel aggrieved.

It decided to appeal to Caesar, in the shape of a free and unfettered House of Commons, with the Whips off, and must now perforce accept Caesar's decision with the best grace possible.

It remains to be seen whether the police, who are vitally concerned with sanctions against violence, will feel they have been let down by this coming change in the law.

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MR CHUTER EDE, the able Home Secretary, can rightly feel badly treated over this business. He was indeed wounded in the house of his friends.

Authorised to announce retention of the death penalty as considered Government policy, and to plead for it solemnly in debate, he was abandoned in the division lobby.

What must have hurt him most was the fact that he was thus left to face humiliation by the majority of his own Ministerial colleagues.

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THE soft-spoken member for Coatbridge, Mrs Jean Mann, is unique among our women members in the debt way she uses the weapon of irony.

Before she came to Westminster in 1945, at her third attempt, she had done a considerable amount of public work, and was well known in the Scottish Labour movement.

Gifted with humour of a kind generally called pawky, the House finds her both entertaining and acute.

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HER modest demeanour, quiet voice, and slow manner of speaking provide an effective background for neat and unexpected quips.

It was she who recently likened the Chancellor's caution in the reduction of purchase tax to "the peck of a stepmother's kiss."

Rather rough on the stepmothers, perhaps, but much to the taste of listening members.

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NANCY Well, Maybe. By Ernie Bushmiller



HEAD FIRST FOR BEAUTY!



Belgian Cabinet To Resign

Brussels, May 4.—Belgium's Coalition Cabinet is expected to resign tomorrow after a whirlwind crisis over a 75-year-old controversy—state subsidies for Catholic schools.

The Socialist Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, saw the Regent, Prince Charles, tonight, and the Cabinet is to meet tomorrow to decide the manner of its resignation. It was authoritatively stated here.

Eleventh-hour attempts to avert the fall of the Government tonight were belittled by observers here to have little chance of success.

The two wings of the Coalition—Socialists and Catholics—were reported to have agreed last Friday on a policy over the demand for higher subsidies for Catholic education, and a declaration by the Minister of Education, M. Camille Huysmans, was announced for tomorrow.

But today, Socialist Parliamentarians, by 22 votes to 12 with 15 abstentions, repudiated the Premier's concessions.

A subsidy of 475 million francs a year is paid by the state to the 800 "free" Catholic schools in Belgium. The Christian Socialist Party (Catholiques) has demanded an increase of 75 million francs, but the Socialist Party opposed this.

The crisis means not only a conflict between the Socialist and the Catholic parties but also marks a split between the Premier and the more radical leadership of his own party.

M. Spaak formed his Cabinet on March 19, 1947.—Reuter.

MOVE TO DROP U.N. VETO

Washington, May 4.—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives today heard the first of a number of Congressmen who urge a change in the United Nations Charter to overcome the veto.

About 30 Representatives and Senators have introduced resolutions which propose the abolition of the veto on matters of aggression and armament for aggression, the provision for inspection and control of atomic and other weapons, and the establishment of an international force for world security.

Mr. Brooks Hays (Democrat of Arkansas) and Mr. Walter Judd (Republican of Minnesota) today urged that the United States should take the lead in overhauling the Charter, with Russia if she would co-operate, but without her if she refused.

Mr. Hays said: "These steps would not be anti-Russian. They would be pro-peace."

Mr. Judd told the Committee that "If we demonstrate to the Russians quickly that we and the other people of the world can, if necessary, get along without them, then there is a good chance we will soon find it possible to get along with them."—Reuter.

Madman Not Guilty Of Murder

Singapore, May 4.—Uth, a Banjarese from an island off Sumatra, charged with murdering 11 people when he ran amok in a railway dining car with a penknife last October, was today found not guilty in the Selangor Assize Court, but committed to a mental home.

A medical officer told the court that running amok was a Banjarese or Malay mental disorder and Uth, unable to resist a violent impulse, did not know what he was doing.—Reuter.



PILFERER CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Harold Schreiber, 28, reaches for a pair of women's panties and is photographed in the act by a newspaper photographer working with the police seeking the person who had been raiding clothes-lines. Schreiber pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge and was sentenced to 30 days in the Blismarck (North Dakota) gaol. (AP Wirephoto)

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

Dressed for her Dutch Doll Dance the star goes to stage two—and makes an error of judgment.



More Food Strikes Spread In Germany

Hanover, May 4.—A wave of strikers for more food spread through Germany today. In Hanover 50,000 workers were out, and 10,000 more voted to quit tomorrow. In the Nuremberg and Augsburg areas, 18,000 workers struck, shutting down three big iron and steel plants.

The Munich Bavarian State Open announced that it would be closing tomorrow because its actors were too weak from lack of food to carry on.

Five thousand motor car and metal workers joined the 1,000 men who walked out of plants yesterday in the Mannheim area. In Mannheim, 2,200 strikers demonstrated before the local food office, demanding "more meat, more potatoes, less sugar."

Bizonia Germans have received three pounds of brown Cuban sugar a month since the meat, bread and potatoes were cut at the end of March. In Mannheim, city officials told workers they would do their best.

In Hanover, where the strikes involve men from the metal, rubber and chemical industries, Heinrich Kopt, Minister-President of Lower Saxony, is talking with Union

officials, trying to prevent a vote on a state-wide walk-out.

Bavarian trade union leaders promised workers in that state that they would confer with Bizonal officials on restoring rationing, but the workers refused to go back until something had been done.

Alois Hundhammer, Bavarian Minister of Education, sent a message of Frankfurt seeking immediate food shipment.

"New plants are expected to increase the strike list every hour," a trade union official said, according to Dena. "Although we cannot exactly say how many workers are on strike right now, we estimate some 50,000 were off their jobs today."

The Hanover export fair, the biggest and most important in the Bizonal area, will suffer seriously from the walk-outs. Radio Frankfurt said: "Preparations and construction work for the fair are already under way and have been hampered by lay-offs. The fair is scheduled for mid-May."

The Military Government yesterday boosted the bread ration in the strike-ridden state by 500 grams, but this step failed to alter the trade unions' strike decision.

Used As Scapegoats

"We do not sell our rights for 500 grams of bread," they commented. In Berlin, a British official said: "The trade unions feel they are being used as scapegoats for political reasons by the Frankfurt German bizonal administration."

"If they receive a flat no on their demands, we will probably have a general strike within a few days." The food problem came to a head last week when the Military Government announced a 75 percent cut in meat rations for May. Instead of 400 grams, the Bizonal Germans, except Ruhr miners, will receive only 100 grams of meat in the next few weeks.

In addition, Lower Saxony's bread ration was curtailed some 20 percent after this state distributed double the officially-granted amount of potatoes to its people last autumn. —United Press.

Anglo-Soviet Relations

(Continued from Page 1)

"If this territory is returned to the Italian population that resides there, it seems to be a fair frontier and one that should lead to peace and stability in that area."

On Palestine, the Foreign Secretary said: "We do not depart from our decision to retain the mandate only until May 15. We accepted the obligation to maintain law and order and prevent aggression until that date."

"We have every intention of using our might and resources to that end, and, after May 15, to cover the withdrawal of our remaining forces."

"We have used all our influence to prevent an invasion of Palestine by the Arab countries. Our attitude has been to give clear warning to both sides that, while we remain responsible up to May 15, we cannot tolerate aggression."

VITAL REQUIREMENT

"The story of invasion by Arabs into Palestine is not borne out by our military advisers. There is no question of using our resources after May 15 to enforce any kind of settlement against the wishes of either party."

"The vital requirement is that the shooting should be stopped and machinery established to provide opportunity for wiser counsels to prevail."

"At this 11th-hour, I would say to those working in the direction of a settlement not to spare their efforts. There is still time for moderation and reason to win, but in a few days it may be too late."

Mr. Bevin said that reports from overseas indicated that a food harvest was likely in all parts of the world this year. "If there are no setbacks, we may expect an increased food supplies and aid towards the restoration of normal and peaceful conditions in the world."

Mr. Bevin hoped for a fall in world prices which, he said, would make the European recovery programme go further.

"United States aid must not allow us to relax our efforts in any way," he said.

Appealing for full production, Mr. Bevin said: "Whatever may be done in the diplomatic field, the factory, mine and workshop can make an equal contribution to the peace of the world."—Reuter.



OIL REFINERY ON FIRE—Flames, fanned by a stiff wind, shoot skyward at the Standard Oil Company's refinery at El Segundo, California, following an explosion in the cracking plant. (AP Wirephoto)

House Of Lords Reform Proposals Disclosed

London, May 4.—Leaders of all political parties broadly agreed to principles of reform in the Second Chamber, which would have allowed women to sit in the House of Lords and share a new title—"Lords of Parliament."

The all-party talks on House of Lords reform failed because, an official report today indicated, the Conservative Opposition, which in the House of Lords outnumbers the Government by 12 to one, demanded the power to hold up House of Commons legislation for three months longer than the Government was prepared to concede.

If the talks had been successful, the report suggested, the party leaders would have recommended to their followers that the House of Lords should be complementary to and not a rival to the House of Commons. Its constitution should prevent any one party enjoying a permanent majority. Heredity itself would not be a qualification for admission.

Members would be styled Lords of Parliament and be appointed on the grounds of personal distinction or public service.

All parties would probably have agreed also that Members might be either hereditary Peers or Commoners who had been created Life Peers.

Provisions would be made for the inclusion of certain of the King's descendants, Church leaders and Law Lords.

SALARY PROVISION
The provisional plans also provided that salaries should be paid so that persons without private means should be eligible. Peers who did not sit in the reformed House as Lords of Parliament would be entitled to stand for election in the House of Commons and to vote in Parliamentary elections.

Parliamentary Lords who neglected their duties could be disqualified.

The Lords reform talks were called by the Government recently when a crisis was reached in the Peers' own discussion of the new Parliament Bill.

This Bill, to ensure the passage of legislation to nationalise iron and steel within the present Parliament, proposes to do away with Commons legislation from two years to one.

From the first, the Lords resisted this cut, holding that it was an approach to a single-chambered Government, and pointing out that one year's delay was an effective delay of only a few months, when the extensive committee stage, which takes a Bill out of the main chamber, had been excluded.

GOVERNMENT VIEW
The Peers indicated their intention to throw out the Bill, but agreed to consider a possible curtailment of their powers in the context of talks on general Lords reform.

They were prepared to see their two years' delaying power cut to 18 months. The maximum Govern-

ment concession would have been to permit 15 months instead of one year.

The Government argued in the negotiations that under the existing legislation, a hostile House of Lords could render the legislative programme of the administration ineffective in the fourth and fifth sessions of a five-year Parliament.

In effect, they said, the Government and the people could be thwarted by a Second Chamber which, not being elected, was not directly responsible to the people. —Reuter.

EMERGENCY COUNCIL OF EUROPE

London, May 4. — Seven hundred delegates from 16 Western European countries will be asked to approve a plan for an immediate "Emergency Council of Europe" when they meet in the Congress of Europe at The Hague on Friday.

The long-term policy proposals are for a common European citizenship, a European defence force and a unified economic system, leading ultimately to complete federation.

A political report, "broadly agreed upon by the British and French delegations to the Congress," suggests that the proposed Emergency Council should be based on the foundations already laid down in the Western Union Pact. "All other free countries" should be invited to join the Council, the report suggests.

It also calls for a deliberative Assembly composed of representatives from various Parliaments and for a European Declaration of Rights with an independent court to enforce them.

PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL
The report asserts that the combined resources of the 16 nations, who "comprise some 250,000,000 of the most civilised and intelligent people in the world," supplemented by those of overseas territories associated with them, have a productive potential as great as that of the United States.

"A European Union must also include in its orbit the extensions and dependencies and associated territories of the European powers, and preserve the existing constitutional ties which unite them." It adds.

An economic report which the delegates will also consider calls for a permanent Economic Council of Europe, composed of responsible Ministers appointed by the component States.—Reuter.

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OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

India Has At Least Two Top-notchers

Bombay Policeman Fast Enough For High Hurdles Final

By ERNEST M. DHARMA

India's hope for an Olympic title is centred around blue-eyed, 6 foot-2 inch Jim Vickers, a Bombay policeman and the country's ace hurdler, who is a virtual certainty for the Indian track team provided the Indian Olympic Association makes up its mind to send a team.

Vickers says his best unofficial time for the 110 metre high hurdles is 14.3 secs. He is currently at the peak of his form and claims he is doing a consistent 14.3-14.5 at his work-outs. He feels that weather conditions at London might help him to cover the distance in 14.2.

Vickers, who weighs 175 pounds, is a well proportioned athlete. Born in India of British parents, he is married and the father of an eight-month-old son.

He was vitally interested in games while at school but only took up track at the age of 20. He decided to concentrate on hurdles and coached himself (India's biggest handicap through the years has been a lack of professional athletic coaches).

Making his appearance in the 1943 Bombay Olympic Games, Vickers made his mark and went on to win the title at the 1945 All India Olympic Games in 15.2 secs.—the present official Indian record. Vickers, however, has clocked 14.7 to establish official provincial records at other meets.

Vickers beat the opposition at the Olympic Selection Games held in Calcutta on March 27-28 this year, but explained that his poor time of 15.7 secs. was due to the strong wind he ran into.

FASHIONED ON FINLAY

Vickers is just "crazy" about America's current hurdling sensation, Harrison Dillard, but said he has fashioned his style on that of former Olympic champion, Don Finlay. He said he was presently concentrating on upping his speed between the jumps—taking a line from Dillard's method of training.

Vickers named three other trackmen who, he feels certain, will make the Indian Olympic team. They are: Eric Phillips, an Anglo-Indian sprinter of Madras, who has clocked 10.6 secs. for the 100 metres and also specialises in the 200 metres; H. Reddy, another Anglo-Indian performer, whose 60 feet 2 inches for the hop, step and jump will see him represent India in this event; and Chota Singh, a Sikh from Patiala, who will compete in the Marathon.

Vickers told me: "We will do our best for India at the Games." And then, he added this wistful afterthought: "If the IOA will make up their minds."

Up to the time of writing, the IOA has not made its official selections. Many of Bombay's sports writers have been blasting this body for its apathy and indecision.

A story headed "Fear that India may have to cry off Olympics," appearing in the sports pages of Bombay's National Standard, is typical of the articles presently being written by sports scribblers here expressing their distaste for IOA handling of the Olympic venture and their fear that this body will bungle India's representation.

C. S. A. Swamy, a sports commentator, who represented India in the Marathon at the 1936 Berlin Games, in a series in the National Standard, charged that IOA officials have been more concerned with winning places for themselves

on the Olympic contingent than with the more vital task of selecting Indian athletes.

NO ATHLETE YET NAMED

He said that while the team is expected to leave Bombay in another six weeks not one athlete or hockey or football player "has definite knowledge of his inclusion." The writer said "The IOA has decided to enter teams for hockey, athletics, football, boxing, wrestling, cycling and aquatics... Cycling and aquatics are doubtful entries because of squabbles in the national controlling bodies... There is no national body for boxing, and there is opposition to a football team being sent in view of India's pathetic standard in this game."

Bitterly, the writer added: "The only known 'certainties' for the Olympic trip today are, I understand, the officials who are to accompany the India contingent."

The afternoon Bombay paper, Free Press Bulletin, in an editorial titled, "Olympics," said:

"As the time for the lighting of the Olympic flame at Wembley draws nearer, India's position vis-à-vis the World Games grows more chaotic."

"While one lot of sportsmen and sports sponsors go begging for money, cap in hand, another lot wrangles about who is to go to London and a third lot agitates for those who are left out."

"At this rate of retrogression, not only will India not be able to send a team representative of all her talents, but it is more than possible that she will not be represented at all."

"It is strange... no one in the official sphere bothers very much whether India is to be present at the Olympics."

"The World Games symbolise one last attempt at global solidarity in an age of conflict and partition."

"On July 28 a flame will be lit which will be the only light left in a world gone dark and dismal. Is there any reason why India should not help light this flame and keep it burning?"

"Is that not one of the purposes for which she strove to be free? If the people cannot collect funds in time to send an Indian team to London, then let the sports of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund give them a loan which they will repay in due course."

"Mahatma Gandhi would have supported this proposition wholeheartedly for he more than anyone else understood the need for the youth of the world to get together."

"This is the time for concerted action. India must be fully represented in London irrespective of the support it may or may not get from its Government."

And so, while Jim Vickers and his three likely team mates are eating their hearts out for a crack at Olympic honours, India's sports officials are allegedly twiddling their thumbs.

RED SOX OPEN WITH HOMERS



Stan Spence (right) of the Boston Red Sox is greeted by Vern Stephens of the Sox (No. 5) and the bat boy after hitting a home run, the first score of the season, in second inning of league-opening game with Philadelphia Athletics at Boston. (AP Wirephoto).

ALL THE SPORTS NEWS OF THE DAY

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEMI-FINALS ON FRIDAY MAY BE CLOSE

Programme Of Four Matches At KCC

The first matches of the semi-final series in the Colony Badminton Championships will be played off at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Friday night.

These will include both the matches in the semi-finals of the Junior Singles, one match in the Junior Doubles and one in the Mixed Doubles. The first of these will start at 8 p.m. Admission will be \$1.20.

Three of the four seeded players in the Junior Singles got through to the final. One was eliminated by the KCC's rising star, S. Saul.

TAM V. SAUL

On Friday, Saul meets K. Y. Tam of Sing Tao and the match should be a close one. Tam is the better all-rounder of the two but Saul should be tough form and find himself in the right mood for the occasion, could surpass him in everything but courtcraft.

Saul has an understanding even of this at his best moments that is more a Senior than a Junior player's but he has also a knack for miscalculating his returns and when he can't connect once it is usually the beginning of an expensive streak of mishits.

At his best he is certain to beat Tam, at his average he is almost certain to lose against a player who is lacking a repertoire of certain winners, plays a solid game every time.

STAMINA V. COURT-CRAFT

The other Junior Singles semi-final between A. L. Fisher, of the KCC, and W. C. Chung, of the Chinese Sanitary Inspectors' Club, will be a match between stamina and courtcraft. Fisher lacks the former and Chung the latter.

Chung will have to rely largely on his smashing, which can at times be devastatingly accurate. In longer volleys he will be playing into Fisher's hands. The KCC player can flick up a devastating crosscourt drop that is an ace every time.

However, though Chung will be at a disadvantage in a volleying game, Fisher will lose out as much in a point-for-point struggle and a long first game going to five up will take a lot out of him. Should the match go to three games, the odds are heavy on Chung's taking the final one.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

The Junior Doubles semi-final between A. Ho and K. F. Chiu, of Chung Wah pair, and Recreio's A. Beyer and F. M. Ribeiro should be close but the odds are on the Portuguese pair.

Beyer and Ribeiro combine well and the latter has terrific smashing power. Neither Ho nor Chiu competed in the Singles and have reserved their fire for the Doubles. They are a solid pair, if they do not combine as well, and either has a good idea of courtcraft.

MIXED DOUBLES

It will be interesting to see if J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva will strike the same form as they did in eliminating the seeded Recreio pair of M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva in the second round of the Mixed Doubles.

If they do, they should overwhelm Ramon Young and Miss Ullan Khoo is of course far the better player, but Mrs. Silva has a fine conception of Doubles play and little killable can pass her by at the net.

Remedios is a spectacular player. He can be brilliant but has a tendency too to mishit. Though they are up against as good a combination as a Mixed Doubles tourney can produce, the odds, I think, are on the Recreio pair if they are in form.

BASEBALL

PHILADELPHIA CATCHES UP ON CLEVELAND

New York, May 4.—In the American League, the Philadelphia Athletics moved into a virtual tie with the Cleveland Indians for first place in the American League Shortstop, Eddie Joost's two-run homer in the 10th inning gave the Athletics an 8-6 victory over the Indians.

The Indians, who won their first six games, have lost three in a row and lead the Athletics by only 62 percentage points. Centrefielder Sam Chapman also hit a three run homer for Philadelphia in the third and first baseman Eddie Robinson drove a homer for Cleveland in the second.

The New York Yankees remained behind game behind Philadelphia with a win of 6-1 over Saint Louis. The Yanks broke up the game with a three-run seventh inning to break their third place tie with the Browns. Boston won its third straight victory. A four-run blast in the ninth inning, sparked by Wally Moses single and shortstop Vern Stephens' two-run triple brought the Sox a 10-3 victory over Detroit.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cleveland	0	12	1
Philadelphia	8	12	0
(Winning pitcher Lou Brissie)			
Saint Louis	1	4	3
New York	6	0	0
(Winning pitcher Frank Shea)			
Detroit	3	0	2
Boston	10	3	12
(Winning pitcher Dave Ferris)			

—Associated Press

BOXING

VILLIMAIN RATED ABOVE SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

BY ARCHIE QUICK

I do not know which I admired most at the latest Harringay boxing tournament, Eric Boon's tremendous pluck or the workmanlike way the new Freddie Mills disposed of the Scottish heavyweight chamelon Ken Shaw.

Boon to me was greater in defeat than he ever was in victory. He showed us what goes to make a real champion—unlimited courage, refusal to stay down, and an automatic fighting brain even after the normal senses have departed.

In Robert Villmain, European champion, he met the man I believe to be the best welter in the world and that goes for Sugar Ray Robinson and Marcel Cerdan. The Frenchman's left was never out of Boon's face but the Chatteris had kept coming on smiling and was only finally counted out five seconds before the end of the final round.

He seems fated to appear in classic contests for 1 remember well his winning bout with Arthur Danvers as one of the greatest fights I ever saw. Boon won only the sixth round, in which he was brilliant, and in the ninth round he fell down from sheer exhaustion after a toe-to-toe nonstop slam.

And yet I heard one bright soul who has probably never had a glove laid on him shout, "Let's have a bit of life in it" when the fighters were taking it easy for a few seconds.

RETURN FIGHT

Having disposed of a Swede, Dutchman, Italian, South African, Belgian, Pole, and a Spaniard in quick succession, Freddie Mills has now earned himself a return fight with Bruce Woodcock for the Doncaster Lad's title.

I think he will beat the Yorkshireman if ever they meet in the fight we are all waiting for. Shaw is no duffer but Mills, after than I have ever seen him, had him down within a minute with the best short left I have seen for a long while and then for the remainder of this first round Shaw went down five more times.

He had a nasty gash on the mouth which eventually necessitated his staying in hospital all night having it stitched and sporting Mills made an appeal to the referee to stop the fight. This he would not do, but Shaw's seconds surrendered at the end of the round.

Within 30 hours of leaving the ring, Mills was due to leave for South Africa to fight the Union champion, Ralph, 14 stones.

Ted Broadbent is taking his wife to act as Mills' cook. They will stay in Cape Town a few days after the fortnight's sea voyage and then journey slowly up to Johannesburg. Mills will fly back a day after the fight to prepare for the July world title fight with Lesnevich. He is very confident of bringing that championship to England.

Huntman is trying to get the two British fighters a spot on the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott bill of June 26.—Associated Press.

Olympians Win Again

Manila, May 5.—China's Olympic eleven last night scored its third victory, defeating the local inter-collegiate selection 4-0.

Fifteen thousand spectators watched the visitors outplay and outmanoeuvre the local team at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Chu Wing-keung, star forward, scored the first goal in 25 minutes in the first half.

Three minutes later, Chow Man-chi booted the second goal and after another two minutes, Chu Wing-keung converted a penalty kick.

In the second half, Chu Wing-keung scored another goal in eight minutes of play.

The game was played mostly near the local team's goal, with the visitors bombarding it from left and right.—Associated Press.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP

London, May 4.—Celtic beat Third Lanark by one goal to nil in the semi-final of the Glasgow Charity Cup.

The semi-final between Rangers and Partick Thistle is being played tomorrow and the final takes place at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, May 8.—Reuter.

STARTS DRILL



Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis starts training at Bloomingdale, Mich., for his title match with Jersey Joe Walcott on June 23, with a wood sawing session. — AP Wirephoto.

Sugar Ray To Defend

Chicago, May 4.—Ray Robinson, the world welterweight champion, has signed to defend his title against Bernard Dusen, of New Orleans, in Chicago on June 4.

The Illinois Athletic Commission, in approving the bout conditionally, say a final approval will depend on Ray posting a \$10,000 appearance bond.

If the weather is suitable, the fight will take place at the Busbui Park, but otherwise in the indoor International Amphitheatre.—Reuter.

SPECIAL TRAIN

London, May 4.—Vince Hawkins, the British middleweight champion, has ordered a special train to take his supporters from his home town of Eastleigh, near Southampton, to Portsmouth, for his next fight, on May 17, when he meets Mark Hart in a non-title fight over eight rounds.—Reuter.

BANTAM BOUT

London, May 4.—The bantamweight championship elimination match between Stan Rowan, of Liverpool, and Danny O'Sullivan, of London, will take place at Harringay on May 31.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF VISITS

London, May 4.—Mr. F. S. Gentle, Chairman of the Greyhound Racing Association, is on his way to Sydney to visit his daughter and have a look round at the sport there.

His visit may result in Dave Sanda, an outstanding Australian middleweight boxer, coming to England for fights. Mr. Gentle may also arrange for an exchange of visits by British and Australian greyhounds and for Australian football to be played in England.—Reuter.

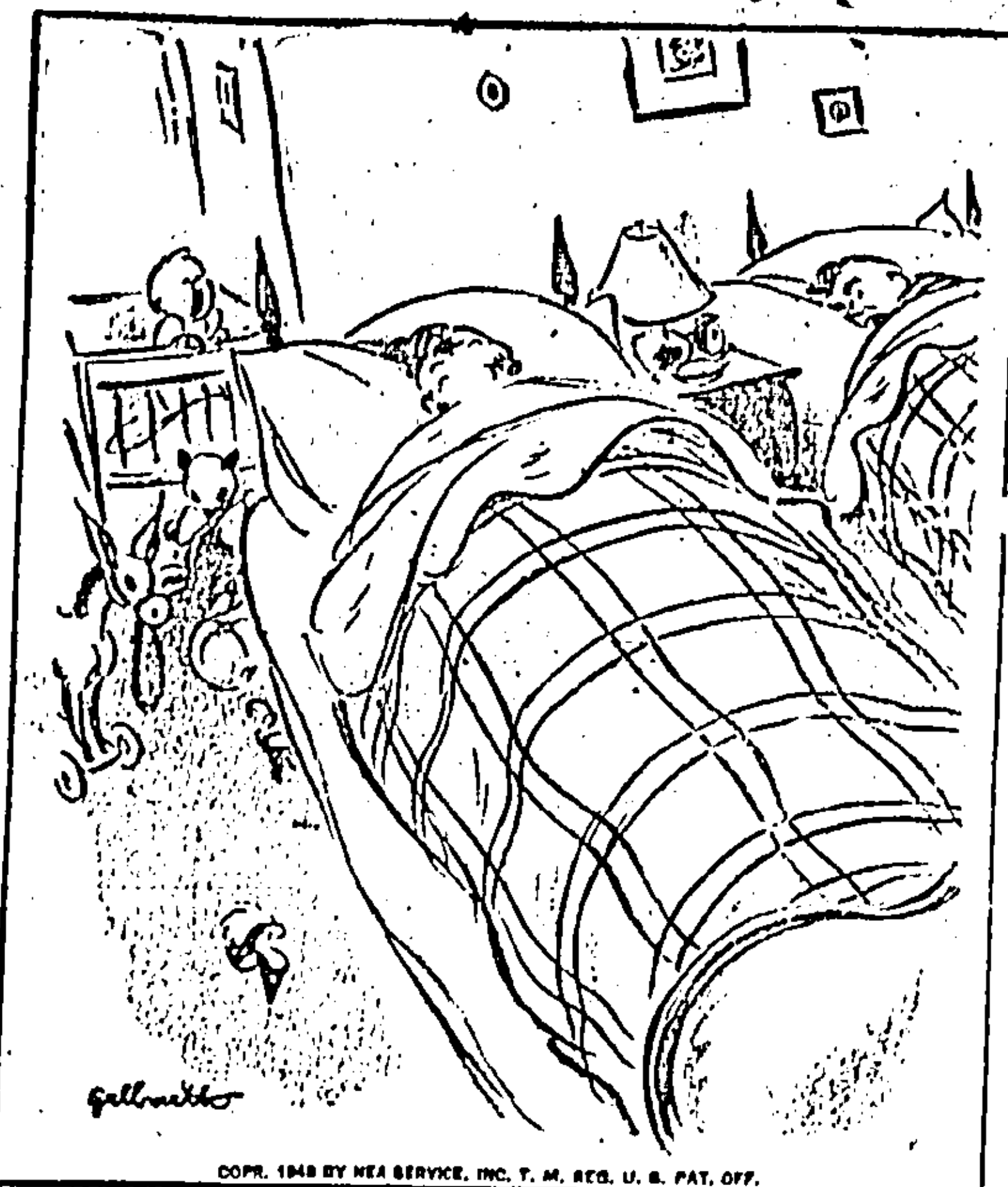


SWIMMING PRACTICE — Denise Newman (on bench) is assisted by Edna Child (right) in loosening-up exercises at Blackpool, England. They and Kathleen Culbert (left) are probable entrants in Olympics springboard diving.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Will you warm his bottle tonight, dear? If I get fully awake I'm going to start worrying about those income taxes again!"

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

BORN today, you are a person of vision and ideas but you are too inclined to dissipate your energies on unimportant things. Learn to concentrate on one thing at a time if you are to reach the heights to which your talents entitle you. You have deep and rather turbulent emotions which often leave you moody and depressed. But once you have come out of the depths of despair, no one can be happier or more optimistic than you are.

In contrast to this side of your nature, you have a deep love for scientific facts and data. You can parade facts and figures in such an array as to rout your competitors. You have a good speaking voice and would make an excellent public speaker. You would be good in debate although you would be highly partisan in your point of view and very difficult to convince against your will.

You have many of the instincts of leadership but you would prefer to lead a single unit under a commander-in-chief, rather than be the one in command. This, perhaps, is due to the fact that you are not as confident of yourself as you might be. Give yourself a few big successes and you will find your self-confidence increases proportionately. You are a worrier, inclined to fuss over nonessentials. Get over this habit of worrying the instant you recognise it or you will expend valuable energy worrying about things which many never come to pass.

You find it easy to make friends with the opposite sex but you are rather fickle in your emotions and should take great care when it comes to selecting a life partner. Friends of your own sex may be fewer, but they will be those who last a lifetime, standing by you through good times and bad.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Morning hours are best for you, but don't expect anything too spectacular. Finish some job at hand for best results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Powerful influences are at last in your favour now, so you may anticipate excellent progress along your favoured direction.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—An opportunity may come your way, so be on the alert to grasp it at once. Don't procrastinate now. Act!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—All the good breaks are in your favour today if you only know how to take full advantage of them quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Matters involving real estate and land property appear good. Other things are only fairly favourable, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Make normal progress along well-established lines. Nothing spectacular, perhaps, but satisfactory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Half good, and half bad, but you can swing things over in your favour by being astute and alert to opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Important affairs can turn for the better. You also can count on this as a good day for love and marriage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An active day for getting yesterday's plan in full operation, watch all expansion and expenditures carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Follow through with yesterday's plans. Their success may involve a new friend. Have full confidence now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Business must come before pleasure this day. Don't neglect official duties for romance. Be businesslike.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Postpone signing papers if you can until later. Remember all promises are not what they seem. Investigate.

POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IN the days when the headquarters of the 13th Corps d'Armee was at Clermont-Ferrand—"et zoi, zoi, zoi, Lisette, ma Lisette, et zoi, zoi, Lisette, ma Lison..."—and when one could eat and drink well in the Place de Jaude for about fourpence—"ce sont les navettes de Saint-Alyre, don, don, dondaine, don, don!"—and when the orchards at the foot of Chaturge blossomed as they have never blossomed since—"O Fontaine de la Goule, ou est la belle Agathe?"—

Prodrome: May one expect you to come to the point one day?

Myself: Expect away until you are blue in the face. Today I write as the wind blows.

Somebody who has evidently only seen the gasworks wrote the other day, "Nobody would go to Clermont-Ferrand unless he had to." Would that I had the space to tell the miserable wretch about the other Clermont-Ferrand.

Take it from me WHY not mix the three films themes of the moment into one great pie, and have a story about a heavenly visitor who comes to earth to kick the face of a psychologist who is being tortured by a returned soldier's wife?

Egham gets his own back NEXT morning there was a letter for Egham in the hall. He got to it just in time to prevent his future mother-in-law having a look at it. He jammed it in his pocket and went in to breakfast. "Any news from—er—Tibet?" "Instance?" bawled Mrs. Kiplidge. "None that I know of," retorted her future son-in-law rather haughtily. "There's no news from Tibet?" repeated the repulsive chateleine.

"None," said Egham sulkily. "Not even a scented bilbois?" "No," snapped Egham. The Kiplidge glowered at him. "I wonder it doesn't burn a hole in your pocket, perjuror and gadabout!" bellowed the injured mother. "Why should it?" said Egham, producing the letter. "It's only from the Gas Light and Coke people. Care to see it?" Mrs. Kiplidge choked, and turned a dangerous purple. Her husband wheeled her on the back. "Tut, of course, burst into floods of tears and left the room. What a girl!"

Adly A VERY large woman went down the street with a very small husband. He seemed to be anxious to escape, but she had his arm linked in hers, and she sang softly to him, as I passed them.

Together, for ever, That is the plan. Stick to me like treacle, Treacle, treacle, Stick to me like treacle, My dear little man.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Admiral William Halsey. 2. The centre in the region of the stomach. 3. It is lava from volcanoes. The pores are made by the bubbles of gas. 4. Mycroft Holmes. 5. Australia. 6. In China in 105 A.D. by Tsai Lun.

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Trans-Jordan Seeks To Swallow Palestine

Lake Success, May 4.—King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan today hinted in a message to the United Nations that he will try to incorporate Palestine into his Arab kingdom.

King Abdullah cabled the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, that "everything cries for intervention" to halt the warfare in Palestine.

The King did not say flatly that he would invade the Holy Land but told Lie that he is ready to "give the Jews" in Palestine full Arab nationality in unitary state, sharing all that we share, while yet enjoying special administration in particular areas. I am...permeated that the Jewish people as a whole desire to live in unity with the Arabs."

The message was interpreted here as an indirect announcement that Trans-Jordan's well-equipped Arab Legion would make its long predicted move to absorb Palestine after the mandate ends 11 days hence.

COUNCIL FIGHT

Meanwhile, in the Trusteeship Council, the United States gave up its fight for special trusteeship over Jerusalem, and in the 58-nation General Assembly, the sheer weight of the opposition stifled the American plan for trusteeship over all Palestine.

Lie immediately circulated the message from Abdullah to the delegates of 58 nations. The United States said in the Trusteeship Council that the Council should give up its efforts to work out for the General Assembly special measures to protect Jerusalem. There is some resistance to the American proposal.

Several delegates held to the plan under which the Trusteeship Council would call on the General Assembly to appoint an "emergency mayor" who would become the temporary head in Jerusalem when Britain's mandate ends 11 days hence.

The American delegate, Benjamin Gerig, said the Council merely would report to the Assembly that it had found no procedure for protecting Jerusalem acceptable to both Arabs and Jews.—United Press.

Strike In Iraq Oilfields

Baghdad, May 5.—Representatives of the Iraqi Oil Company and Iraqi Department of Labour flew to two stations of the Company on Tuesday in an effort to settle a 12-day strike of more than 4,000 Iraqi workers.

The strike has stopped oil pumping on the Company's fields but no agreement was reported in sight today. The places affected are stations H-2 and H-3.

The strikers are demanding wage increases ranging from 20 to 40 percent, food rations at reasonable prices, free transport to working areas, free supply of oil for living quarters and an agreement guarding against indiscriminate discharge of workers.

The Company already has agreed to grant many of the demands including a 50 percent increase in cost of living allowances but the strikers insist that the raise should be part of basic wages.—Associated Press.

Russians Held In Vienna

Vienna, May 4.—United States soldiers, armed with tommy guns, rushed in two lorries to the American district of Vienna today after receiving information that one of a group of Russian soldiers was carrying a pistol, contrary to Allied regulations.

The military police detained the Russians—12 soldiers and an officer—the American reinforcements arrived.

The soldier said he was looking for a repair shop for his lorry. Colonel Bernard Hurler, the United States Provost Marshal, refused to allow him to do so, but he dismissed the American troops when international troops came to investigate. The Russians were allowed to repair their lorry and to go on to the Command Headquarters, where they were handed over to the Kommandatura.

It was the third time in two weeks that Americans had detained Russian soldiers or officers for carrying arms in the United States sector.—Reuter.

MISSIONS' DIFFICULTIES IN CHINA

Boston, May 4.—Oppression in Communist dominated areas of China and the "challenge of an anti-Christian feeling in Europe" has united Protestant Churches as never before in history, the Methodist Foreign Mission Division said today.

The statement was part of a report to the Quadrennial General Conference which today observed the centennial of the first Methodist mission to China.

In the first report on foreign missions since the end of the war, the group asserted that it was "impossible for American missionaries to work and live" in North and Central China under Communist governments. The report cited the case of five missionary units of the Church of Brethren who were forced to move to Western China by hostile Communist officials in Central China.

The report said a year ago elements of the Communist Eighth Route Army attacked and looted a Methodist centre at Changli, near Tientsin. One building was burned and a hospital and other buildings looted.

BAND TOGETHER

The Division asked for \$5,000,000 for missionary work in the next four years.

It said the difficulties of attempting to sustain missions in North and Central China have prompted all churches to band together. The same thing has been accomplished in Europe by the "challenge of an anti-Christian feeling."

Tonight the world delegates will hear talks by John Foster Dulles, New York international lawyer, and Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to the United States. Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek will broadcast to the conference from China.—United Press.

London Stock Market

London, May 4.—Except for British Government stocks, which were very strong on investment or reinvestment demand, brokers were not buying much.

Two Nationalisation stocks were wanted, Transport rose three-eighths to 90-15/16, and Electricity one-fourth to 93-13/16.

Apart from shipping, which showed gains of from 6d. to 1/6, and Vickers, which were up 6d. to 31s., Industrials seemed overvalued on prevailing yields.

Among gold shares, Ashanti goldfields showed a sensational rise of six shillings to 40s. 4 1/2, on the news of a big gold strike.

Oils recovered in the afternoon with Anglo-Thai up by 1/16 to 100s.—United Press.

RUBBER MARKET CLOSES FIRM

New York, May 4.—Rubber futures strengthened today, taking their cue from the firmness in London and Singapore markets and the short covering in the May delivery.

Sales totalled 100 contracts. Closing prices were as follows: Higher and lower prices to 25 points. May (in cents per lb.)... 23.25 bid. June... 22.20 nominal. July... 21.50 traded. August... 21.10 nominal. September... 21.00 nominal. October... 20.90 nominal. November... 20.80 nominal. December... 20.70 nominal. January (1949)... 20.60 nominal. February... 20.50 nominal. March... 20.40 nominal. April... 20.30 nominal. May... 20.20 nominal. June... 20.10 nominal. July... 20.00 nominal. August... 19.90 nominal. September... 19.80 nominal. October... 19.70 nominal. November... 19.60 nominal. December... 19.50 nominal. January (1949)... 19.40 nominal. February... 19.30 nominal. March... 19.20 nominal. April... 19.10 nominal. May... 19.00 nominal. June... 18.90 nominal. July... 18.80 nominal. August... 18.70 nominal. September... 18.60 nominal. October... 18.50 nominal. November... 18.40 nominal. December... 18.30 nominal. January (1949)... 18.20 nominal. February... 18.10 nominal. 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